

UNION BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Union Beach Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important update regarding our school district's funding and the recent opportunity we've received from the state of New Jersey.

As you may know, our district has faced significant challenges in recent years due to reductions in state aid. This reduction has impacted our ability to maintain and expand essential services for our students, faculty, and staff. However, the state of New Jersey has recently provided an opportunity for us to recoup funding by allowing some school districts to exceed the traditional 2% tax levy cap.

The State has notified the District that we have the opportunity to apply for an additional tax levy increase of up to \$3.7 million. After careful consideration and deliberation, our Board of Education has decided to ask the State for the \$3.7 million tax levy increase offered to our District. We understand that any increase in taxes is a concern for families, and we want to assure you that this decision was not made lightly. Without this funding, the District will be faced with a deficit in the coming years, bringing about difficult decisions such as closure or regionalization. This funding ensures that we are not only able to continue to run our school as an independent district but also maintain and increase staffing, expand educational programs, and improve resources to continue offering the high-quality education that our students deserve.

This topic will be discussed at our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium. Members of the community are welcome to attend the meeting to better understand the tax levy increase. We also encourage you to reach out to the district office with any questions or concerns. Your feedback is invaluable as we navigate this process together.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Together, we can ensure that our students have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

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